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Dear Sir:

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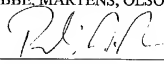
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	6	International Search Report for European Application No. 00 98 9371 (the European counterpart of the parent application) mailed on January 2, 2007	

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